

## News from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services



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### **Volunteers Needed for I-93 Focus Group**

*Focus Group to discuss application of Road Salt on I-93*

Concord, NH - The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, in partnership with Plymouth State University's Center for the Environment and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, is looking for year-round residents of New Hampshire to participate in a 2-hour focus group discussing the application of road salt along the I-93 Corridor in southern New Hampshire.

The purpose of the focus group is to gather information about driver's expectations for road conditions during winter weather, and their feelings regarding roadside water quality. The focus group research is part of a larger study of road salt in several watersheds along the I-93 corridor in southern New Hampshire. Streams in four watersheds, including parts of Salem, Windham, Derry, Londonderry, Auburn, and Chester do not meet water quality standards for chlorides in particular segments during various times of the year. The largest source of chlorides in these watersheds is presumed to be road salt.

Each focus group participant will earn \$50.00 from the Plymouth State University, Center for the Environment.

Four focus groups will be held in:

Windham: Thursday, October 4, from 6-8pm and  
Saturday, October 6, from 10am-12pm  
Concord: Wednesday, October 10, from 6-8pm and  
Saturday, October 13, from 9-11am.

To register for a focus group, please call 603-998-3864. Space is limited, so call soon.

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